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The Joker has them. He has them all.
And it's my fault.

DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY.
Batman has been lying to us for years--the Joker knows who we are.*
After he murdered Jimmy, I rushed the other members of Haly's out of Gotham.
But he got to my ex-girlfriend, Raya. He killed her--
--and sent me a party invitation carved into her stomach.
*SEE BATMAN #15. --S.C.
A surprise party hosted by Haly's Circus.
DEET DEET DEET
INCOMING CALL - SONIA BRANCH
It's the second time Sonia's called since I ran out of her apartment.
I can't deal with any of that now.
Now, I'm only focused on one thing.
That whatever happens to Haly's...
AMUSEMENT
MILE

...is on me.
KKKWEEEOWW
IS THIS THING ON?
THERE! THAT'S BETTER!
I GOTTA ADMIT, I ABSOLUTELY LOVE WHAT'S BEEN DONE WITH THE PLACE!
IT'S COME SO FAR SINCE THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE. IT'S SO... ALIVE.
OF COURSE, THAT'S NOT TO SAY IT COULDN'T USE A MORE...
DEET
...PERSONAL TOUCH.
TEHEHE HAHA
BWAHA HAHAHAHA HAHA
HAHA HAHAHAHA HAAAAAA
HEEEEEE HEHEHEHEH HEHHEH
WHATEVER THIS IS, JOKER, IT'S BETWEEN US! LET THE CIRCUS GO! YOU'VE GOT ME HERE!
OH, DON'T WORRY...IT'S NOT THEM I WANT.
THIS WAY
THIS WAY, LITTLE BIRD!

YOU KNOW, I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED THAT THIS FREAK SHOW IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU, NIGHTWING, SEEING AS YOU SHOWED UP IN EVERY CITY THEY TRAVELED TO THE PAST YEAR.
THIS WAY
WHEN YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, YOU AND HALY'S MAKES PERFECT SENSE.
THE CIRCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PLACE WHERE BAD KIDS RUN TO WHEN THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME.
THIS WAY
WHICH IS WHAT YOU ARE.
EVEN AFTER BATMAN GAVE YOU EVERYTHING... YOU ABANDONED HIM.
IT WAS ALMOST TOO CUTE.
WHICH IS WHY I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW.
COMING BACK TO GOTHAM? TRYING TO BUILD A NEST?
THAT'S NOT YOU, LITTLE BIRD. YOU SHOULD BE FLYING FREE.
NOT SHACKING UP...

...WITH A BUNCH OF DEADBEATS.
OKAY, OKAY, I KNOW...
...DIGGING UP THE BODIES OF FORMER HALY'S CIRCUS MEMBERS IS A BIT THEATRICAL, EVEN FOR ME.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HUNG BONES FROM THE TRAPEZE.
THAT'D BE CRAZY.
Everyone I know.
Everyone I care about.
He can find them.
They'll never be safe.
THIS...THIS ENDS--
--NOW!
THUNK
THUNK
THAT'S THE IDEA! OF COURSE, THE BEST ENDINGS--
--ARE THE EXPLOSIVE ONES.
DEET

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
Breathe... can't...can't--
Focus. Get the rebreather on. Before...
HEEEEEEEEEEEEEE HEHEHE
HAAAAAAAAAAAA HAHAHAHA
HEHEHEHE!

BOOM
ARGG!
OH, MAN...
Gotta keep moving, Grayson... keep--
KA-BOOM

UHNNN
TRUST ME, NIGHTWING...
...ONE DAY YOU'LL THANK ME.
OR MAYBE NOT.
DEET
BOOOM
FLICK
KAKOOOM

BOOOM

WITH AN EFFORT LIKE THAT...
...IT'S NO WONDER I'M DEAD!
COME ONNNNNN, DICKIE...I THOUGHT YOU WERE S'POSED TO BE GOOOOOD!
JIMMY..
OH, HE IS GOOD.
NO..
HE'S JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, RAYA. LOOK AT HIM. HE GOT US KILLED...
...AND NOW HE'S TOO PATHETIC TO DO ANYTHING BUT DIE.
RIGHT, DICKIE?
NO...
...NO...
...NOOOO!

OOF!
HEHEHEHE...
ACK!
KRAK
BUT, HEH, BUT WE DIDN'T, HEHE...
.. EVEN FINISH THE JOKE.

THE INVITATION DID SAY IT WAS A SURPRISE PARTY.
AND WHAT KIND OF HOST WOULD I BE...
ARHH!
...IF I DIDN'T HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR THE WORST OF THE BAT-FAKES?
OOF!
THE ONE THAT MAKES MY BATMAN THE WEAKEST.
YOU SEE, NIGHTWING, MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS, YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN RELATIONSHIPS. YOU INSIST ON SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE.
BUT PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS LET YOU DOWN
HERE... LET ME SHOW YOU.

HAHAHAHA!
HEHEHA!
HA!
HAH!
HEH HEH HEH!
TEHEHE HEHEHE...
CHRISTINA...
NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
"BUT THEY GOT OUT OF TOWN! THERE'S NO WAY JOKER COULD HAVE FOUND THEM ALL!"
WELL...
...SURPRISE!
HENRY.. MARC... DON'T--
GAHHHH!
CHUNT

HAHAHAHAHAHA
HA!
STOP... PLEASE ST--
MWAHAHA!
GHHN!
HERE YOU GO, KIDDO. GO SAY HELLO!
HEH HEHE
HA HA HA
CHRISTINA... PLEASE... DON'T...
TEHEHE...
...HELLO.

COME NOW...
...YOU CAN'T DIE YET.
NO, NO, NO...NOT YET, LITTLE BIRDIE...
...NOT YET.

STILL WITH US?
~UHNNNNN...~
GOOD. TRUST ME...
...THE FOOD HERE IS FAR TOO GOOD TO MISS.
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TO BE CONCLUDED IN BATMAN #17!

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